

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:                 | Group Art Unit: | 2614               |
| MERLE L. MILLER                       | Examiner:       | ALEXANDER JAMAL    |
| Serial No.: 09/752,167                | Conf. No.:      | 8941               |
| Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2000              | Atty. Dkt.:     | 2069.008600/TT3776 |
| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RINGING | CUSTOMER NO.:   | 23720              |

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 17, 2009**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2009, for which the shortened three-month statutory response date is March 17, 2010. This response is being filed on or before March 17, 2010, therefore it is timely filed.

If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

No fee(s) is(are) believed to be due. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2069.008600.

Amendments to the claims being on page 3. Remarks begin on page 6.